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## **FORMER KC WOMAN SENTENCED FOR SCHEME TO DEFRAUD EMPLOYER OF MORE THAN \$200,000**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former Kansas City woman was sentenced in federal court today for devising a wire fraud scheme to defraud her employer of \$208,117.04.

**Jacqueline Christina Wayne**, 38, of Centennial, Colo., who formerly lived in the Kansas City area, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to three years and one month in federal prison without parole and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$208,117.04.

On Jan. 7, 2005, **Wayne** pleaded guilty to devising a scheme to defraud her former employer, Summit Hotel Management, Inc., of \$208,117.04, between Sept. 23, 2000, and Jan. 21, 2003.

**Wayne** was employed as a controller for the company, which is located at 4600 Summit St., in Kansas City. In her position, **Wayne** prepared financial statements, processed payroll, and was responsible for making cash deposits.

As part of her scheme to defraud Summit Hotel Management, **Wayne** used a fraudulent Social Security number on her application of employment, her Internal Revenue Service Form W-4, and her Missouri Department of Revenue Form W-4.

Once employed, **Wayne** falsified her own payroll information in order to fraudulently receive enhanced, tax-free earnings in an amount greater than her authorized salary. She was able to do this because she was responsible for submitting the company's payroll information to Automatic Data Processing (ADP), a payroll contractor in Lenexa, Kan. ADP would subsequently process the payroll information and provide checks to Summit Hotel Management or directly deposit the checks into employees' bank accounts.

**Wayne** had her personal payroll checks directly deposited into two separate bank accounts in Kansas and Texas. Both accounts listed **Wayne's** correct Social Security number.

In addition to claiming a salary higher than she was authorized, **Wayne** also would produce and cash fraudulent checks of former or terminated employees. Additionally, **Wayne** would take cash from the company's daily deposits for her own personal use.

**Wayne** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 26, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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